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SUBJECT: MINISTERIAL VISITORS TO IVORY COAST: ANGOLA
CONSULTATIONS

1. ON EVEN OF ANGOLA CM MEETING JANUARY 7, GOIC PRESIDENT
HOUPHOUET-BOIGNY RECEIVED THREE MINISTERIAL-LEVEL VISITORS
FROM NEIGHBORING FRANCOPHONE COUNTRIES. THESE WERE MARTIN
BONGO, MINISTER OF EDUCATION OF GABON, ALIOUNNE SENE, MINISTER
OF CULTURE OF SENEGAL, AND BELLO BOUBA, ASSISTANT SECRETARY
GENERAL OF THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE, CAMEROON. SUBJECT OF
MEETINGS WERE ANNOUNCED AS ANGOLA AND ALTHOUGH NO DETAILS
WERE GIVEN THE PURPOSE WAS PRESUMABLY TO CONCERT TACTICS
ON HOLDING THE LINE AT ADDIS ABABA ON THE OAU POSITION
CALLING FOR FORMATION OF A GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNITY.

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2. EMBASSY BELIEVES IT MOST UNLIEKLY THAT HOUPHOUET WILL ATTEND OAU SUMMIT PERSONALLY AND THAT IVORY COAST WILL BE REPRESENTED BY FOREIGN MINISTER USHER WHO IS ALREADY IN ADDIS ABABA FOR CM MEETING.

3. HOUPHOUET OPENED GOIC COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MEETING JANUARY 7 WITH REVIEW OF ANGOLA SITUATION, RESTATING IVORY COAST'S POSITION OF NEUTRALITY AND UNDERLINING ONCE AGAIN HIS VIEW THAT AFRICA MUST STRUGGLE TO KEEP ITSELF FREE FROM "INFLUENCES OF THE TWO BLOCS."

4. ON SEPARATE SUBJECT, BELLO BOUBA ANNOUNCED FOLLOWING HIS MEETING WITH GOIC PRESIDENT THAT HOUPHOUET WAS SCHEDULED TO PAY AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO CAMEROON DURING MONTH OF FEBRUARY. SMITH

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